

Montana. Mr. Buttress is a very well-qualified person. He's done much for Kearney and I just wanted to let my feelings be known. The State of Nebraska cannot go wrong with a person like Mr. Buttress in charge of that department. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Senator Landis, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the confirmation report as presented by Senator Landis. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the confirmation report. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report.

SPEAKER BAACK: The confirmation report is adopted. Before we proceed to the next item, my understanding is that there is...one of our members does have a very significant birthday today. And my understanding is that the State of Nebraska can now welcome another senior citizen to their ranks, and I'm certain that her AARP card is probably in the mail. It is Senator Schimek's 50th birthday today. You might want to congratulate her. Senator Schimek, for rebuttal.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. I have a little poem that I was going to pass around. I'll see if I can remember it, but.... One would think that one as mature as I would let the birthdays just role by, but it's more fun to share with you and still pretend I'm 42. That's a challenge to our poet laureate. I want him to know that he is not going unchallenged, but he's not here this morning, so I'll let him know later.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of a recent addition to the elite group of aged people, it was written by a great author, Diana, one time, that forty is the old age of youth, but fifty is the youth of old age. So, welcome aboard.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. We will now proceed to Item 7, special order of LB 853.

CLERK: Mr. President, 853 was introduced by the Appropriations Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) Introduced